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Madrid, March 9.

THe King, in consideration of the services rendred this Crown by the late Lieutenant-Admiral *Michael de Ruyter*, who died of the Wounds he received in an Engagement against the French on the Coast of *Sicily*, has conferred upon his Son *Engel de Ruyter*, the Honor of a Baron, with a yearly Pension of 2000 Crowns.

Venice, March 17. What was said of the Duke of *Mantoua*'s being about selling *Casal* and *Montferrat* to the French loses credit, the Duke himself having assured the contrary, and the Imperial Minister here, who was at first very much alarmed at it, begins to be at ease as to that matter. Signior *Ciurano*, whom the Senate hath appointed to go their Ambassador to the Port, will begin his journy thither about the middle of the next month.

Vienna, March 19. Two days since arrived a Courier with Letters from the Imperial Minister at the Port, in which he gives an account, that in a late Audience he had of the Grand Visier, he received great assurances of the firm resolution of the Grand Signior to observe inviolably on his part the Peace and good Correspondence at present established between the two Empires, and that he was sending an Ambassador hither to repeat the same to his Imperial Majesty, and his Ministers; in which professions we believe the Turks are the more sincere at this time, because of the War they are engaged in against the Moscovites, and that they may continue so, the Emperor we are told has by his Ambassador at the Dyet in *Poland*, made very advantageous offers to that Crown to induce it to take part with the Moscovites in this War. The Hungarians have sent to General *Leslie* to desire him to continue the Cessation of Arms for some time longer, that so they may be at leisure to take a final resolution upon the Proposals tendred them on the part of the Emperor, which they have not hitherto been able to do through the difference of opinions among themselves.

Copenhagen, March 27. Though people here in general conclude from the great preparations they see made both by Land and Sea for the approaching Campagne, that all thoughts of Peace are laid aside; yet there may be ground enough to believe from the information of those that pretend to know best, that even at this time there pass transactions, which may lay the foundation of a speedy Peace. The great difficulty which appears is, that our King, as we are told, declares that he will never restore those places he is at present possessed of in *Schonen*, which he thinks absolutely necessary should, for the security of his Dominions remain his Frontiers; and that on the other side the Swedes will it's said never yield them by a Treaty. We have now the news here that the Princes of *Lunenburg* have made their Peace with *France* and *Sweden*, by which they have promised to restore the Dutchy of *Bremen* to the latter, which this Court has been somewhat troubled at, to see its Allies thus quit the Party they were engaged in.

Francfort, March 28. The Dyet at *Ratisbonne* having after much debate resolved to confirm what was treated and concluded by the Imperial Ambassadors at *Nimeguen*, with relation to the Empire, moved thereto by the consideration of the sad condition many of the States and Provinces are brought into by the War, and of their disability to contribute any longer towards the support of it; an Express has been sent to *Vienna* to give the Emperor an account thereof, and to pray he will please to direct that the Ratifications of the Treaty may be dispatched with all diligence, and exchanged within the time limited, that so the French may have no room left to raise new difficulties. They likewise pray the Emperor to employ himself for the composing the affairs of the North, and the rendring the Peace general. There is now not any more discourse of holding an Assembly here of the Deputies of several Princes, for the taking such resolutions as may be necessary for the securing the Peace of the Empire, which it's probable will be deferred till those Princes that still continue in the War, are likewise come into the Peace.

Cologne, March 31. The new demand the French make of Contributions for the whole next month, as it is contrary to all expectation, so has it occasioned a great disorder among the Country people, who are so impoverished, that they are altogether unable to pay them any longer, and therefore to secure their persons at least, they leave everywhere their Habitations, and fly to places of security, so that whole Villages are deserted of Inhabitants.

Cologne, April 4. The first instant the Sieur *de Monceau* the French Intendant came hither from *Ordingen*, his business it seems was to treat with the Owners of the flying Bridge which is here, in order to buy it. The Sieur *Spaen*, Lieutenant General of the Forces of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, had sent a person hither some days before on the same Errand, but the French Intendant bid highest, and has bought it, which our Magistrates could not hinder, because it belonged to particular persons, who might dispose thereof as they pleased. The French Commissary the Sieur *Boetsdal* continues still here, and has daily Conferences with persons appointed by our Elector for the adjusting the matter of the Arrears of Contributions which the French require from this Diocess. Some Troops of the Elector of *Brandenburg* being quartered at present in several places belonging to our Elector on the other side of the *Rhine*, his Electoral Highness has required them to quit them, which they not doing, he is resolved to make use of force to remove them from thence. The French have every day several hundred men at work at *Nuis*, to repair the Cittadel there.

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